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2 April 1956

1. General Power signed off on a Top Secret letter to the Subsidiary Plans Division, Directorate of Plans, DCS/O, Headquarters USAF. The letter concurred in the proposed Headquarters USAF action which had been previously discussed between Colonel Moon and General Schriever.

2. Charts were prepared for a scheduled briefing of the ARDC Council on WS 107A and WS 315A.

3 April 1956

1. In answer to a query from General Schriever discussed with Major Sutherland, ANP Liaison Officer, a problem concerning nuclear rockets. After subsequent discussions with project officers in RDZP and RDTD, prepared a memorandum for General Schriever outlining the present situation.

2. Furnished information to Major Geniesse, RDTDP, in his capacity as Air Force member of the NACA Sub-committee on High Speed Aerodynamics in connection with WS 107A and WS 315A.

3. I was advised by General Ostrander that RDGB was being organizationally transferred to his jurisdiction but with no change of functions or responsibilities. This matter was subsequently discussed with General Schriever. No change in the relationship between WDD and what is presently RDGB is contemplated except that where opposite numbers staff relationships can be effectively used between WDD and ARDC these will continue to be encouraged in order that RDGB can concentrate on the specific and/or peculiar problems relating to the ICBM and IRBM programs.

4 April 1956

1. Was advised by Major Davis, RDSM, that under instructions from RDSC they are submitting both an A (within ceiling) and a B (extra) budget and that WS 107A and 315A items were going into both budgets. I discussed this with Mr. Faber and pointed out to him that this was not in agreement with my understanding of Mr. Quarles statements to the AF-BMC on 29 March. I agreed with him, however, that the responsibility for interpreting Mr. Quarles' views was Colonel Godfrey rather than mine since Colonel Godfrey had also been present at the meeting. I emphasized that it was essential that all ICBM and IRBM program requirements be covered in the budget. RDGB will investigate further to determine precisely what is involved.

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2. Together with Colonel Hebner, Major Nash, and Captain Mullady briefed General Sessums on the current lox problem and in particular the discussion in Mr. Jackson's office of the preceding day. The presentation was originally scheduled to be given to General Power but he was not available.

3. Major Malcolm D. Hart returned from leave for duty.

5 April 1956

1. Briefed General Power on actions concerning the IRBM IOC which happened during his absence on leave.

2. Furnished to Colonel Stark, AFDRD, fuel specifications previously supplied by WDD. Colonel Stark was making a brief survey of the various types and detail specifications of fuels to be used in the various weapon systems programs.

3. Was advised by General Schriever regarding recent discussions with General Medaris on the NAA engine problem. General Power was advised of this information.

4. Major Harkins, RDST, advised that the Base Development Board was meeting on AFMTC items for the FY 58 MCP and that certain proposed items had been presented in connection with WS 117L. I discussed this with General Schriever and at his direction called Major Hilton, WDTF, and requested that his office advise RDSI for planning purposes only of the facilities items included in the not yet approved WS 117L Development Plan.

5. Coordinated with Colonels Box and Whitson arrangements for various meetings on geodetic and gravimetric problems.

6. Received letter from USAF (AFDRD-SA, Chief, Strategic Air Group, Director of R&D, Office DCS/D) stating that during the review of WS 107A Development Plan there were three specific items questioned as possibly duplicating work being done under separate ARDC projects. The line items questioned in the FY 56 Financial Requirements as possible duplicating work being done under projects 5730, 3059, and 3058 respectively were: (a) Item 56-620-16, Guidance Development Study; (b) 56-620-28, Solid Propellant Study; and (c) 56-620-39, Cyrogenics Study. Coordination was effected with RDT and information furnished to USAF explaining that no unwarranted duplication existed. Copies of this correspondence were forwarded to WDD.

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1. Colonel Oder attended the funeral services for Major General Wood at Arlington National Cemetery.

2. Called Colonel Lodell concerning the deletion of items from the FY 56 Financial Plan in the 155 area and the substitution of items in the 235 funding area. Colonel Waldecker, RDSCB, participated in this call and obtained required information. Line items involved were 56-155-4 ($7,185,000), 56-155-7 ($4,146,000), and 56-155-10 ($2,588,000) for a total of $13,919,000. Colonel Waldecker will take care of notifying USAF. Corresponding back-up justification pages will be changed.

3. Set up a tentative meeting with Lt Colonel McClanahan, RDS, for 1500 on Tuesday, 11 April, for Lt Colonel Hamilton, WDD, to discuss format for submission of center resource requirements in support of WS 107A and 315A.

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